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EXDIS SPECAT FOR MILITARY ADDRESSEES

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAG : AMER, PINT, TW, US

SUBJECT: GROC LST'S PARTICIPATING IN VN EVACUATION

1. GENERAL LAI MING-T'ANG, CGS MND, INFORMED ME THIS MORNING HE WAS ISSUING ORDERS FOR THE RETURN TO TAIWAN OF TWO (2) OF THE FOUR LST'S WHICH WERE SENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM TO ASSIST IN REFUGEE RELIEF WORK.

2. WHEN GENERAL LAI EXPLAINED THAT THIS ACTION BASED PARTLY ON CONERN OVER WHAT HE FEARED WOULD BE GROWING CONFUSION IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND PARTLY ON UNDERSTANDING AMPLE SHIPPING AVAILABLE IN ANY CASE, I SAID I DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION HERE TO MAKE JUDGMENT ON THIS. I AGAIN REMINDED HIM OF IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON AND COORDINATION BETWEEN APPROPRIATE GROC AND US AUTHORITIES IN SAIGON ON THIS AND RELATED MATTERS AND HE ASSURED ME THAT ROC AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON

KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH AMEMBASSY.

3. WE HAVE NO WAY HERE ASSESSING CONTINUING NEED FOR ROC LST'S. ASSUME INTENTION TO WITHDRAW TWO LST'S HAS
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BEEN MADE KNOWN TO CTF 76.

4. SAIGON'S 5509 JUST RECEIVED; WILL INFORM SHEN, CURRENTLY
UNAVAILABLE, WHO NO DOUBT WILL
APPRECIATE AS DO WE. UNGER

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